

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



## Preliminary Assessment Summary

Devlin Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated  
CKA: Hughes Aircraft Company  
700 N. Sepulveda Blvd.  
El Segundo, California 90245

November 1985

Preparer: John Casey  
Southern California Section  
Toxic Substances Control Division  
(213) 620-2380

Problem and history:

The history of this site began in 1958 when the property owner, B. Rabin, started a pharmaceutical company. The company also manufactured Ronsin lighter fluid. Eight underground tanks were installed and used to store gasoline, mineral oils, alcohols, and solvents for the lighter fluid. The property was leased to Bergen Brunswig in 1966.

Bergen Brunswig manufactured pharmaceuticals. That company had a clarifier installed but did not, according to Rabin, use the underground tanks. In 1974, the property was leased to Devlin Pharmaceuticals.

Devlin Pharmaceuticals manufactured vitamins and drugs. The clarifier was used but the underground tanks were not. A small amount of solvents for equipment cleaning was used from drums. Devlin Pharmaceuticals moved out in 1981.

Hughes Aircraft Company has leased the site since 1982 and has used the facility as a warehouse to store office furniture and other equipment. Hughes has not used the site for any manufacturing or the storage of hazardous substances. Present plans are to use the site for computer operations. Hughes Aircraft Company had the clarifier closed by Los Angeles County Engineers on October 29, 1985.

All underground tanks and lines were removed by Rabin prior to his leasing the property to Hughes Aircraft in 1982.

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Recommendation:

Active status, low priority, is recommended. The underground tanks were removed without regulatory oversight and their integrity was unknown.

A copy of this report will be sent to the Los Angeles County Health Department.

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ITEM NUMBER	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number		<u>CAD 981 373 848</u>
2. Site Name	Department of Health Services (DOHS) Abandoned Site Project SWIS Data 2-18-85	Devlin Pharmaceuticals Incorporated CKA: Hughes Aircraft Company
3. Site Location	same as #2	700 N. Sepulveda Blvd. El Segundo, CA 90245
4. County	same as #2	Los Angeles
5. Owner (Address & telephone no.)	Operator Contact: Pat O'Brian 10-29-85	Bruce W. Rabin and Ben Winter 713 Hillcrest Rd. Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (213) 272-2067
6. Operator (Address & telephone no.)	DOHS Drive-by 9-24-85 and Operator Contacts Steve Lichten 9-27-85 and Pat O'Brian 10-29-85	Hughes Aircraft Company P.O. 1042 Bldg.c-2 Mail Station B171 El Segundo, CA 90245
7. Type of Ownership	same as #5	Private
8. Status	DOHS Drive-by 9-24-85 and Operator Contact Steve Lichten 9-27-85	Active
9. Source Activity	a. Operator Contact: Lichten 9-27-85 b. Bruce Devlin 11-12-85 c. Owner: B. Rabin 11-15-85 d. Owner: B. Rabin 11-15-85	a. <u>Hughes</u> : Warehouse for the storage of office furniture, equipment, etc. b. <u>Devlin Pharmaceuticals</u> : Manufacture of pharmaceuticals and vitamins c. <u>Bergen Brunswig</u> : Manufacture of pharmaceuticals d. <u>Rabin's pharmaceutical company</u> : Manu- facture of pharmaceuticals and production of Ronsin lighter fluid.
10. Years of operation	a. Rabin, Owner 11-15-85 b. B. Devlin 11-12-85 and Owner (Rabin) c. Owner: Rabin 11-15-85 d. Owner: Rabin 11-15-85	a. <u>Hughes</u> : 1982 to present b. <u>Devlin</u> : 1974 to 1981 c. <u>Bergen-Brunswig</u> : 1966 to 1974 d. <u>Rabin's co.</u> : 1958 to 1966

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<p>11. Facility Type</p>	<p>a. Operator Contacts: Lichten 9-27-85 and 10-17-85, Lords 10-18-85 and 11-12-85, O'Brian 10-29-85.</p> <p>b. B. Devlin 11-12-85</p> <p>c. B. Rabin, Owner</p> <p>d. B. Rabin, Owner</p>	<p>a. <u>Hughes</u>: none (LA County Engineers closed clarifier on 10-29-85)</p> <p>b. <u>Devlin</u>: Clarifier. Tanks not used (underground tanks).</p> <p>c. <u>Bergen Brunswig</u>: Clarifier. Underground tanks not used.</p> <p>d. <u>Rabin's co.</u> Approx. eight underground storage tanks for mineral oils, gasoline, alcohols, and solvent for Ronsin lighter fluid. All tanks and lines removed in 1982.</p>
<p>12. Waste Type and Description</p>	<p>same as #11</p>	<p>a. <u>Hughes</u>: None (one time shipment of old clarifier sludge prior to close of clarifier. For contents, see memo of call to Teri Lords dated 10-18-85 through 10-30-85.</p> <p>b. <u>Devlin</u>: Sewerable wastes only, non-hazardous.</p> <p>c. <u>Bergen Brunswig</u>: Unknown; probably similar to Devlin's. Clarifier installed.</p> <p>d. <u>Rabin's company</u>: none - no liquid or hazardous wastes.</p>

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## 13. Contacts

Bruce Rabin	Property Owner	(213) 272-2067
Teri Lords	Hughes Aircraft (Space & Comm.)	(213) 647-8381
Bruce Devlin	Devlin Pharmaceuticals	(213) 435-8401
Don Tallman	L.A. County Engineers	(213) 534-4862
Pat O'Brian	Hughes Aircraft Company	(213) 414-6372
Steve Lichten	Hughes Aircraft Company (EDSG)	(213) 616-5871

## 14. Incidents

None documented at any of the agencies contacted.

Fire and Explosion \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## 15. Inspections (date, type, by whom, recommendation)

None documented. Clarifier closure confirmed with LA Co. Eng. by phone 11-12-85.

## 16. Enforcement History (list date, type of action, requirements, outcome)

None documented.

## 17.a. Initial Recommendation for further action:

Active status, low priority, is recommended. Eight underground tanks were removed without regulatory oversight and the integrity of these tanks was unknown. Soil contamination may have occurred when the tanks were in use.

## 17.b. EPA recommendation for further action:

*I concur with the DOTS recommendation that this site be given active status, low priority. Soil sampling should be conducted in the area where the underground tanks were located. Laurie Tiedeman 4-25-86*

18. Response Termination: \_\_\_\_\_ No Further Action ☒ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Active

Justification:

*Site needs follow up to see that tanks were removed properly. Low priority. Paul la Couraye 5-2-86*

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
19. Observed Release		
20. Depth to Aquifer		
21. Net Precipitation Net seas. rainfall Evaporation		
22. Permeability of Unsaturated Zone		
23. Physical State		
24. Containment (Ground Water)		
25. Toxicity		
26. Persistence		
27. Waste Quantity		
28. Ground Water Use		
29. Distance to Well		
30. Population Served (by Ground Water)		

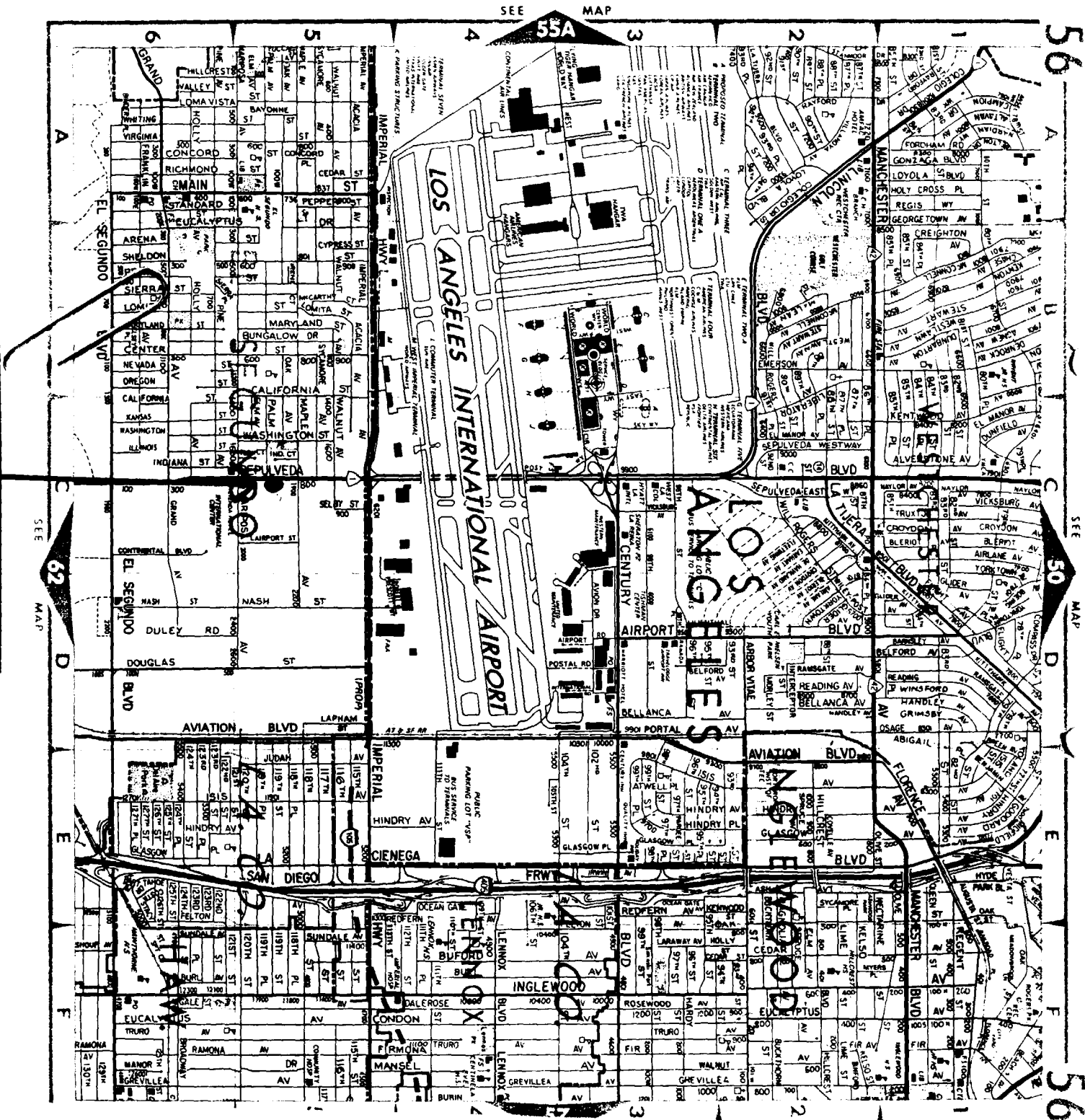
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31. Facility Slope		
32. 1 yr. 24 hr. rainfall		
33. Distance to Surface Water		
34. Containment (Surface Water)		
35. Surface Water Use		
36. Distance to Sensi- tive Environment		
37. Population Served (by Surface Water)		
38. Distance to Water Intake		
39. Reactivity		
40. Incompatibility		
41. Toxicity (Air)		
42. Population within 4 mile radius		
43. Land Use		

AGENCY CONTACT RECORD

Devlin Pharmaceuticals Inc

Agency	Contact	Date	Response
State Dept. of Health Services Toxic Substances Control Division (SSS)	(file search) (213) 620-2380	9/11/85	No info.
Regional Water Quality Control Board L.A.	John Lewis (213) 620-4460	9/10/85	No info
L.A. County Engineers	(213) 226-4019	9/11/85	No info.
LA County Sanitation District	Leon Directo by phone (213) 699-7411	9/16/85	no. info
LA County Tax Assessor's Office	library	9-13-85	not listed
LA County Health	Wayne Tsuda (213) 744-3235	10-18-85	in info found (no files found)
L A Co. Engineers	Don Tallman (213) 534-4862	11-12-85	info. obtained
Hughes Aircraft Co.	Pat O'Brian Steve Lichten Teri Lords	various <sup>to me</sup> Oct/Nov see memos of call	info obtained
Rabin	Bruce Rabin (213) 272-2067	11-15-85	info obtained
Devlin Pharmaceuticals	Bruce Devlin	11-12-85	info obtained





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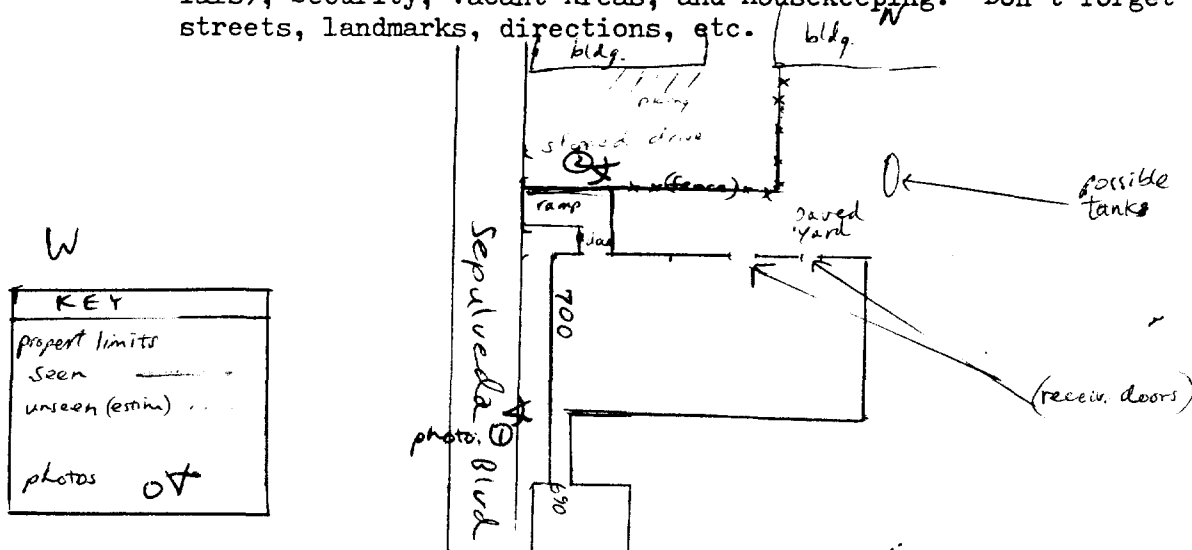
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SITE DRIVE-BY ("2102")

1. Status      a. Active ( )  
                    Inactive ( )      b. Different company ( )
2. Setting      a. Urban ( )  
                    Suburban ( )      b. Residential ( )      c. Near: RR tracks ( )  
                    Rural ( )              Commercial ( )      Drainage ( )  
  Industrial ( )      Freeway ( )  
  Other ( )      Other ( )
3. Waste      a. Group 1 ( )  
                    Group 2 ( )      b. Liquid ( )      c. Undetermined ( )  
                    Group 3 ( )      Sludge ( )      None visible ( )  
  Solid ( )  
  Other ( )
4. Waste      a. Pond ( )      c. Drums/Bbls ( )      d. To: Ground ( )  
Contain-      Sump ( )      Pails/Cans ( )      Paving ( )  
ment      Pit ( )      Dumpster ( )      Drain ( )  
                    b. Piled ( )      Trash cans ( )      Other ( )  
                    Scattered ( )      Boxes/Pallets ( )  
  Bags/Sacks ( )  
  Tanks ( )  
  Vehicles ( )  
  Other ( )

5. Misc.      a. Odors NO      c. Vegetation decorative only  
                    b. Topography flat, paved      d. Site observability limited

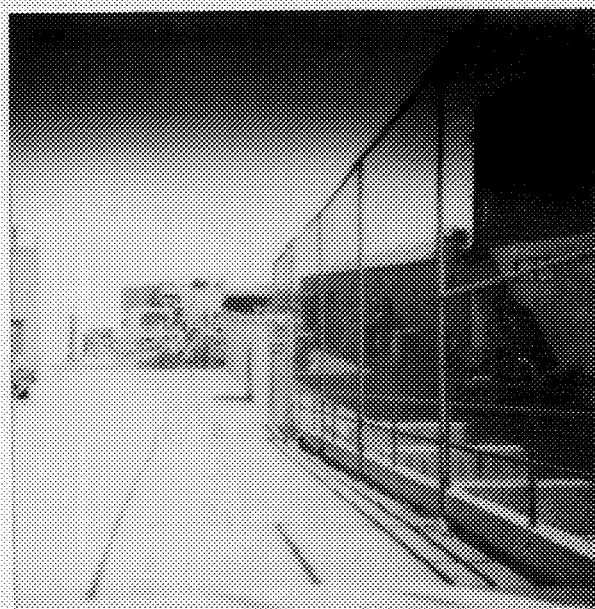
6. Map      A graphic site description. In addition to the above categories, describe/comment on the following: Buildings, Paving, Storage (other than waste materials), Security, Vacant Areas, and Housekeeping. Don't forget to identify streets, landmarks, directions, etc.





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